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In re Application of:
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For : TUNGSTEN-CONTAINING ARTICLES AND
METHODS FOR FORMING THE SAME

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration of the fifth Office action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Prior to issuance of the present Office action, claims 1-14, 16-17, 20-22, 27-31, 34-39, 41-58 and 63-76 were pending and were previously amended in view of a detailed interview with the Examiner in which agreement was reached that the recited subject matter was not disclosed or suggested in the prior art. In the fifth Office action, claims 1-17, 20-22, 27-31, 34-58, and 63-73 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over one or more of the cited patents to Mravic '187, West, and WO '878. Several of the pending claims were additionally or alternatively rejected as being obvious over only Mravic '187